

1688

Indictment against Catherine MacTagart.

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"For John Gib:—Whither or not John Gib, standing at the back doore of the house of Jean Gib, heard a great noise and tumult in the rounge wher the prissoner was, and the said Jean Gib hearing the same lykwayes and understanding ther purposses ran to the freir (*sic*) doore ond loocked the same and put the keye in her poccket and said 'Deivel ane should come throw her house or come out at that doore,' and the deponent looking throw the yeard besyid the back rounge wher the prissoner was did see Corsemlyne runne throwe the yeard and breack through ane hedge. 2^o The deponent being a servant in the house hearing the tumult and wondring what the matter was went into that rounge, and goeing in he saw the persuer and Robert Rosse, ane of the defenders, strugling and the rest standing about him, and the deponent being affraied did endeavour to goe from them, but the deforciers closed the doore and James Corse his wife dr[a]ged him by the haire and severals of the rest fell upon him and beat, bled and abused the deponent. 3^o When the deponent saw Robert Rosse and some others holding the persuer, and the persuer was standing wanting his periweig and having his gravat torne from his neck, and that efter they had kept him ane considerable tyme from folowing the prissoner, his pereweig being loossed he did see the deceast Robert Scott lend him his pereweig. 4^o To interrogate the deponents whither or not Robert Rosse threatned the persuer and offered to beat him with his kenn at the tyme of the treating betwixt the prissoner and partie."

375. "Indytment, M^r Patrick Broun, procurator fiscall, against Catharin Mactargett, for witchcraft." 30th May 1688
Indictment
against
Catherine
M^rTagart for
witchcraft.

"Catharin M^rTarget, spous to William Broun, weaver in Dumbar, nou prisoner within the tolbooth of Dumbar, you are indyted and accused, that albeit by the lau of God and by the laues of this and all uther weill governed nationes, and particularlie by the 73 Act, Parliament 9, Queen Mary, all persones are discharged to use any maner of witchcraft, sorcerie or necromancie, nor give themselves furth to have any sick craft or knowledge therof, ther throw abusand the people, under the pain of death and confiscatione of ther moveables with all rigour, yet treu it is that you the said Catharin M^rTarget, haveing shaken of all fear of God and respect to the laues of this natione, without any necessitie (you and your husband haveing ane competent way of living), did take up ane trade of begging, quherin you have used such uncouth and strange words, gestures and practises as convinced the people quher you went a begging that you wer a witch; and you haveing continued under that common fame and reputte for a longe tyme without complaining to any magistrat that ye wer called ane witch, bot rather in a maner gloried in it, and terrified the people soc as you became insolent and imperious in your way of begging, in sua far as quhen you gott such almes as the people could lest spair, you not being satisfied therwith you used to demand ane uther almes, quich the people out of fear and terrour wer constrained to satisfie you in, and if any refused you used to threatne and predict damage to them for refusing, quich accordinglie came to pass many tymes, and you came to that hight that quhen youe wer any uther wayes displeased you threatned damage and hurte, quich

accordinglie came to pass, quherby you have soe deluded the people by rendering them soe superstitious in distrusteing the Almightye God and being affraied of the devill and of you and your witchcrafts, that quhenver they saw you they wer in use to sear themselves, and your ordinar expresiones upon such ocasioness wer that they never prayed soe much befor they saw you, and that they would never pray soe much untill they should sie you againe. And to evince that you are guiltie of the said blak airt of witchcraft, sorcerie, comitteing malefices therby, using of charmes, terrifieing and abusing the people in maner forsaid, contrair to the said act of Parliament, tren it is that you the said Catharin M^rTarget in ane or uther of the monethes of the year 1685, being in the hous of Thomas Ross, smith in Eastbarnes, the said Thomas his daughter was makeing pottage, and it being asked be you if the pottage wer for your use the young maid answered mirrilie 'I wish you worrie on them then,' quherupon you again answered that some of hers should worrie befor long; and accordinglie the said young womans father, Thomas Ross, worried that same night upon a peice beef in Patrick Lougan the wright his hous, of quihich he deid. As also in on or uther of the monethes of Jully or August 1672, William Broun, your spous, being about the selling of ane young cou to James Reid, flesher in Dumbar, you came to the stair foot of the hous quher they wer and cryed up to your husband in a great passion and anger and said if James Reid bought your cou he should never drau blood of her, and accordinglie altho he was a verrie wholesome man at that tyme and in perfytt health yet he fell seike within a day or tuo, quherof he deid. As also upon the

day of 1677 years, you being in the shoar of Dumbar quhen unquhill John Fergusone was getteing coalls, and ye haveing stollen a peice coall out of his cairt, he did justlie stryke you, quherupon you said that they should be dear coalls to him, and he should never stryck more; and accordinglie albeit he was a wholesome young man, he went home and imediatlie contracted seiknes and never came furth till he deid. As also in on or uther of the monethes in anno 1683 you haveing gotten almes from James Forresters wyfe in Spott, you desyred also some milk, quihich being refused you went away in a great anger, and the verrie nixt tyme the cou was milked she gave only blood instead of milk, to the great astonishment of all who kneu it, and continued for tuo or three dayes and then deid. As also you not only vsed to threatne expresslie in maner forsaid, and that damage and distructione did imediatlie follou, bot also if any body had offended you they imediatlie fell seik of extraordinar descases and died: You haveing come in on or uther of the monethes of the year 1674 to Andreu Stevensone in Bourhousses, upon the ground of the lands therof quher he was saweing oatts, you said to him you would have ane boll of them, and he answered you deserved rather ane boll of coalls to burne you with, and imediatlie you went home to his hous and got a drink of watter, and within a day or tuo his wyfe was at the milne quher you met with her, and after some discourse betuixt you and her she came home and ramished to death. Lykas you did use and practise charming and uther magicall airts, and particularlie upon the day of October 1676 years you did come to the hous of John Laurie in Dumbar;

being upon ane Sunday morning, and ther did throw down ane hair tether, quhich is usuallie done be witches, and thereafter looked in quher the said John Laurie was lying in the bed sleeping, and he awaked, looked up and saw you, and immediatlie therupon he fell into ane most unnaturall disease and never closed his eyes till he died, quhich was upon the Thursday immediatlie following. As also upon the first day of January 1682, being Hansle Monday, you came to Ruchlaus Closs in Dumbar to Patrick Fergusone, mason, quher he was sieing some persones playing at the pennistone, and did offer him cheise and bread, and [when] he refused you pressed him to take it quhich he took and tasted a litle and gave it back to you, quhich you lett fall to the ground, and immediatlie his wyfe

Richisone took seiknes, immediatlie lost all her sences, and within ten or twelf dayes she deid. As also in on or uther of the monethes of the year 1684 you did come to George Colmes hous in Spott seiking your almes, tuo lasses being in the hous were affraid quhen they saw you, prayed to God to bliss them, you said they had not prayed soe much till they saw your cannie face, and bade the evill spirite take a list of them, and slipped down your hand by your syde, and dipped your fingers in the water coog and put your fingers upon the sole of your foott and went your way: and shortlie thereafter the said George Colme had three kyn and tuo stirks deid. As also in on or uther of the monethes of the year 1685, you being upon the streit of Dumbar did sic George Fergusone, sone to Maurice Fergusone, mason, of age about four years, playeing and casteing his bonnet, you did take up the bonnet and put it upon the child's head be way of charme with the crown downward. The child went home to his father and told him what you had done, and said his head was braining, and cryed pitifullie for three or four dayes till he deid. As also at Michalmes last 1687 you did come to Patrick Mathies hous in Dumbar, sate down, sought some milk and repeated these words and charmes three tymes over (viz., 'If I break my nose, I spoyle my face, and quhen I spoyle my face I break my fortune'). And upon the Sunday thereafter you did come to the same hous with a peice rau plecten, and did offer it in pand for some money, and you haveing gotten the milk at Patrick Mathies desyre, his daughter Issobell Mathie being verrie offended that you should have gott any milk or comed to the hous with plecten upon such a day, the said Isobell Mathie hath ever since bein in ane mellancholic conditione and truble of mind and continuees soe to this hour, altho befor she was a persone of inteir judgment and discretione. As also upon the

day of June or July 1677 years upon ane Sabbath day about three or four houres in the morning you did bring ane nolt best east throu the streat of Dumbar, and did sett it upon the outsyde of ane byre of William Brysones, sklaiter, quhen he duct at Crauswindhead, in the same pouster as his cou stood within, and took up some dung from the midding and held it to the mouth of that beast and uttered some words and charmes, and immediatlie the said William Brysone his cou did decay and never thrive efterward. As also in on or uther of the monethes of the year 1678 at ten houres at night, being dark, you did come west throu the high streat of this burgh ryding upon ane whit-faced calf, with ane of your legs on each syde therof, and quhen it was demanded you wher you had bein at such a tyme in such a pouster you

answered you had bein in the east countrie and had gott that stirk at the kirk styll; it was Margaret Liddells, ye was goeing to take it home. As also in on or uther of the monethes of the year 1677 you haveing come to the Knowes to George Shirreffs hous quher they wer makeing pottage, and askd your almes, his wyfe offerd you the pan to lick, and you sought some milk or aill therto, and some of the familie gave you some small wort quhich was then boylling upon the fire, and ye said it would be good aill if it had salt; the said George Shirreffs wyfe Cristian Orme was angrie with you for soe saying, and said ' Ye witch theeff, who uses to put salt amongst aill ' ; you said ther was better drink in the hous, and the said Cristian answered ther was some bot it had not got barne, and you replied she should have barne enough shortlie, and soe went your way from the hous; and soe it was quhen some of the familie went in to the roome quher ther was a barile or stand with worte that had never gott barne put in it, they did sie the barne spring furth of it in such a fearfull maner that it tuched the jeasts of the roume, and gott coogs and keeped it, and wer greatlie astonished, considercing ther was never barne putt into it by any persone. As also in on or uther of the monethes of the year 1682 you came to James Lauders hous in Dunbar and sought your almes and gott a lock meall from his wyf, therefter you sought a soup barne, quhich she refused you; ye stood still and would not goe away without it; at last she was forced to give you some barne, and ye was noe sooner gone from the hous, then his wyfe took such ane violent pain in her hand and arme that she was lyke to goe distracted, and ane Doctor M^cKullo, a stranger, being accidentalie in the hous dreu blood of her, bot she being no better of it, he said it was some evill wight that delt with her. And you haveing therefter comed back to the said James his hous and said that his wyfe would never be weill, till either she or her child deid, and she haveing ane young child soukeing, tooke seiknes and within a moneth therefter died, and she recovered and grev better daillie therefter, quhich occasioned such a terroure and fear in that familie that they could never sie you therefter bot ther flesh trimbled. Lykas in ane or uther of the monethes November or December 1685 years, you being buyeing ane sheeps head from William M^cKrie, flesher in Dunbar, his wyfe, Jean Johnstone, spous to George Walker, did buy it and gave more for it then you bade; you said it should doe her familie noe good, and soe it was, that quhen it was boyllieing the said Jean Johnstone became extreamelie seike, soe pained and tortured for three or four dayes that you hearing the voyce of the people sayeing that you had bewitched her, you came to her hous and caused her provyde a sheeps draught and gave her fyve oniones, and desyred her to take three of them and boyll with the draught and take some of the broth and that would cure her, quhich accordinglie she did, and upon the first tasteing of the broth she was weill; quhich is cleirlye a layeing on and taking of seiknes. As also in one or uther of the monethes of the year 1675 Janet Symontone, spous to John Affleck, being cravieing you for ane peck of bear, for quhich ye skoddled upon her, and she called you ane incarnat devill, you immediatlie took of your head cloathes and cast them ather, and therefter she moving a of your head sufficient malt lyeing besyde her quherof she was in steep of good and sufficient malt lyeing besyde her quherof she was in use to breu good aill, bot efter that outcast of all that malt she nor none

in the town could ever make a drop of good aill of it. As also in on or uthur of the monethes of the year 1658 years, you and unquhill John Milne being at variance ye threatned he should never thryve, quhich acordinglie followed; being then a substantiall sobber man, his gear vanished away and he became to extreame povertie; and he haveing a horse that came accidentalie in to your kaill yaird and trampled some of your plants, quhen ye was calleing the horse out you said he should never goe home till be brack his neck, quhich acordinglie fell out, for that same night the horse fell over the heughes and brack his neck. As also James Congiltone being deu you for some plants, you sought it from him a moneth befor it was deu and would not goe from his hous in anno 1671, bot satt all the night over in the stair with your hair about your eyes, that he was terrified and affraied till he payed you; bot efter that tyme he never threave not soe much as to gett meall to his bairnes, being in a good conditione befor. As also you used to lay on and take of seiknes, quhich is the hight o' witchcraft; particularlie upon the day of

1678 years you being at the posthous at Cockburnspeth did seik a drink from on Hellen Patersone, servant in the hous, quhich she refused, and ye went away utereng some words, and a litle efter ye was gone the said Hellen being then in perfyth health did fall down deid, and contineued a considerable tyme as if she had bein deid, and then was in ane high and mightie distemper; and the pople of the familie and uther strangers that wer in the hous, being convinced that it was by some of your divilish airts that the woman took such a strange and sudden seiknes, did dispatch a servant man of the postmasters to search for and bring you back, alledgeing ye could take of the said seiknes againe, quhich acordinglie the man haveing brought you back, and quhen you came in you gave the woman a drink, quherupon she immediatlie recovered to perfyth health without any uther airt or paines. As also in one or uthur of the monethes of the year 1673, you being in the Knoes quher you had tuo bundle of onion heads, and being lodged in Patrick Shirreffs hous, Hellen Pringle, his wyfe, haveing made scruple to buy any of the oniones, and she haveing taken her paines of childbirth you was put furth of your lodging, and you came over to Christian Orme, spous to George Shirref ther, who was then lyeing seik at the poynt of death, and spock to her in the bed, and said 'Take a good heart, for that quhich was etled for you shall light upon ane uthur, and within four dayes ye shall be else weill as ever you was'; and soc it was that against the fourt day thereafter she was soc fullie recovered that she not only arose from her bed bot went and visited her nig[h]bours, quhich was admired of by all that kneu her conditione; and the said Hellen Pringle, her nigbour, became to be extramlie tortured and tormented, and continewd so for ane quarter of ane year, soc that it was a generall convitione upon the haill countrie that the said Hellen Pringle was wronged be your sorcerie. Lykas upon the day of August 1687

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clevin years of aige and ane uthur of seven, goeing furth of that end of the town near your hous, ye affrighted them by some strange pouster ye was lyeing in in the hieway; you rose up and cheased them, they came instantlie home and fell seik both, the youngest becam speechles and the eldest told to her father hou that ye laye upon the hie streat, shot out your head and

feett and then rose and cheased them; and the next day thereafter ye came to the said Patrick his hous and sought milk, and the said Patrick coming in dreu his kniff to you and said he should be your deid if ye should not caus his bairne speak againe, quherupon you instantlie clapt down at his feett and his wyfe took him from you; ye then rose and dispatched home and immediatlie the lass spack againe, and they both recovered fra that tyme. As also it is ane evidence that ye are guiltie of the said black airt, in that you can spell and knou of damage and hazard to come; in sua far as upon the day of March 1684 years William Hendersone, mariner in Dumbar, being goeing to sea and his wyfe Jean Murray conveying him to the shoar, and they takeing ther leive of uther, you repeated these words tuiyse over (It will be a long goodnight); and soe it was that the said William was lost by shipwrack within few dayes thereafter. As also to evince that you are guiltie of the said black airt and have the marks therof, upon the day of August 1683 years you being in the shoar of Dumbar quher ther was many strangers at the fisheing, ther came a dum man to you and put a great and long pin in your shoulder, at quhich tyme ye did not speik on word that ye fand ounie paine, and quhen he took it out and held it up befor severall persones ye called him a dum devill and went away from him. As also in ane or uther of the monethes of the year 1684 you did come to the hous in the West Links quher ye heard a young calf crying; you said what ailed the calf to rout; Thomas Thomsons wyfe answered (God save aw) for it wanted the denmer of it; hout, said you, it was calld at ane ebb sea, it will rout till it die; and accordingle et routed continuallie in ane extraordinar maner for three or four dayes and died. As also upon the second day of January last bypast, being Hansle Monday, you came to Thomas Whyt, couper in Dumbar, his hous and sought your almes, quhich his wyfe gave you, and you knoueing that John Whyt, his brother, being in the hous did send for ane pynt of aill, you haveing gone away did come back againe to the door, and sought a drink of the aill; the said John Whyt answered you he would rather sic you hanged and brunt befor ye gott any of that drink, and called you witch, and you answered that ye wished a hanged man might be about his hous or long; and soe it was that in the moneth of March last George Lumsdean in the Cove, the verrie next neighbour to the said John Whyt, hanged himself and was carried closs be his door. As also upon the tent day of May instant 1688 years, you being present within the tolbooth of Dumbar, befor the comissioners appoynted be the Lords of his Majestties Prive Counsell for the tryell of you as being most suspect of witchcraft, you did ther publictlye acknowledge that you are ane witch. As also upon the nyntein day of the said moneth of May instant M^r Thomas Wood, minister at Dumbar, being in the prisone hous visiting you, and asked if ye was a witch, you answered that you are, and he asked how long since you became on, tuentie years; you answered, Nay, not soe long. Then he asked hou ye entered in the service of the devill. You answered ane Highland woman learned you called Margaret M^rClain. Then he asked how did she learne you, did ye renunce your baptisme? You answered ye did what she bade you. He farther asked, Did she bide you renunce your baptisme? You answered, Yes. Then he said to you, Did you see then? You answered you did. Then he said, Will you byde

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by this confessione? You answered you would for God knowes all things. By all quihich (and your ordinarie devilish imprecationes againest such as refused your unreasonable desyres, for some of quihich ye wer comitted to prisone) it is manifest that you are guiltie of the crymes of witchcraft, sorcerie, necromancie, superstitione and abuseing of the people, using of spells and charmes, laying on and takeing of of seiknesses, committing of malefices, and is actor airt and pairt of the samen, quihich being found be ane assyse ye aught to be punished with the paines of death and confiscatione of moveables, to the terror and example of uthers to comitt the lyk in tyme comeing. (Signed) Wil. Kirkwood, Cls."

"Court of Justiciarie holden within the tolbooth of Dumbar be Sir John Sinclair of Lochend, Sir William Baird of Newbyth, M^r Robert Lauder, ane of the clerks of Exchequer, James Mure of Bourhousses, James Forrest, late baillie, William Kirkwood and James Smith, merchants, M^r George Purves and George Sinclair, tuo of the baillies of Dumbar, wpon the threttie day of May j^mvj^e and fourscore eight years be vertew of our commissione: Court lauffullie affirmed, suits called. Entred in pannall Catharin M^rTargett. M^r Patrick Broun, wryter in Dumbar, procurator fiscall for his Majesties intrest, produced with the forsaid indytment ane commissione granted be our soveraigne Lord the Kings Majestie and Lords of Privie Councill, constituteing Sir John Sinclair of Lochend, Archbald Murray of Spot, Sir William Baird of Newbyth, Sir John Hall of Dunglass, Robert Hamilton of Pressmennen, M^r Robert Lauder, ane of the clerks of Exchequer, James Mure of Bourhousses, James Forrest, latte baillie, William Kirkwood and James Smith, merchands, and the present baillies of Dumbar, or any thrie of them, justices in that pairt, for the tryell of the pannall, signet at Edinburgh the thrid day of May instant, and also produced ane Act of the Com[^mit^ty of the saids Lords of Privie Councill of the date of the said commissione ordeaning the saids comissioners (befor sentence) to returne the verdict of the assyse and haill proces against the pannall to the Clerks of Privie Councill, that the saids commissioners may receive farder order theranent; and also produced ane act of the saids commissioners of the date the tent day of May instant, constituteing and electeing M^r George Purves, ane of the present baillies of Dumbar, *preses* of the saids commissioners in the said proces, and nominateing and electeing William Kirkwood, clerk of Dumbar, clerk to the proces, the said M^r Patrick Broun, procurator fiscall, Allexander Crombie and Robert Innes officers; who compeared and accepted respective and made faith *de fide*, etc.; as also ordeaning and appoynteing this day to be the dyet for tryell of the pannall; and also produced ane precept subservyed be the saids commissioners of the date the said tent day of May instant direct to the saids officers for citeing the pannall, assysers and witnessis, with the executionis and indorsationes therof dewlie execute and indorsat. The quhilk day the lybell and dittey being read, and the pannall interrogat if she had any thing to object against the relevancie therof or to say against it, she acknowledged in open court her confessione that she made to M^r Thomas Wood, minister, wpon the nyntein day of May instant, being the last article of the indytment, that she is a witch and was acquaint with that Margaret M^rLane who learned her, and confesses she said she had renounced her baptism (bot yet she did it not); quherwpon M^r Patrick

Broun, procurator fiscall, took instruments. The commissioners unlaues and amerciats Andrew Robisone in Wester Broomhous, Frances Dudgeon in Halhill, and Thomas Brysone, sklaiter in Dumber, and each ane of them, in the soume of ane hundereth merks Scots mony for contumacie, being lauffullie cited, personalie apprehended, lauffullie tym of day of bidden, oft tymes called and not compearand, to pas wpon the assyse of the pannall conform to the principall precept and executiones produced and verrified. The saids commissioners repones the saids persones summond to be wpon the assyse, and that in respect they compeared befor intimatione of the act. The commissioners haveing considered the abovwritin indytment and severall articles therof, they find not only the hail articles taken complexlie relevant bot also severall particular articles therof *per se et seperatim* sufficientlie relevant to infer the contraventione of the act of Parliament and crimes lybelled, and therfor remits the samyn to the procurator fiscall his probatione and to the knowlege of ane assyse. (Signed) M^r G. Purves, *præses*."

"The pannall being interrogat in presene of the commissioners and assysers anent severall poynts of the indytment, in the seven article she confest the reasone why she gave Patrick Fergusone chees and bread was becaus she allegeit he had a grudg at her, and wpon the eight confest she dipped her hand in George Colmes water cog and put her hand to the soll of hir foot to tak out some whines, and wpon the nynt confesses she laid on George Fergussons bonnet with the croun downward bot cannot help it, and confesses the expressiones in the tent, and in the threttein confesses the salt and barme but sayes it was in jest, and wpon the 15 confesses she prescryved syba heads and a sheeps draught to Jean Johnstoun to mak broath that wad cure her; as also confest in presene of the saids comissioners and assysers, her confessione made to M^r Thomas Wood, minister, wpon the 19 day of May instant conform to the 27 article, as also her judicill confessione befor the commissioners 10 May conteand in the 26 article. (Signed) M^r G. Purves, *præses*."

"M^r Patrick Broun, procurator fiscall, adduces the saids confessiones in fortificatione of the depositions of the witnesses to be adduced, and adduced severall famous witnesses for proving of the indytment, who made faith, war purged of malice and partiall councill and solemlic sworne, interrogate and deponed all and everie ane of them in court in presene of the pannall and assysers efternamed, and the pannall being interrogat made no objectione against witnesses and assysers, being all called befor her. The commissioners unlaues and amerciats Margaret Vertie, spous to John Home, postmaster at Cockburnspath, and Marie Johnstoun, spous to Thomas Thomsone in West Links, and each of them, in the soume of ane hundereth merks for contumacie, being lauffullie sumoned to bear witness and not compearand. (Signed) M^r G. Purves, *præses*."

"The saids commissioners have elected and chosen out of fourtie fyve the assysers efternamed, viz., George Miller, portioner of Westbarnes, William Craig in Innerweek, William Murray in Crahill, James Smith in Eastbarnes, Allexander Kirkwood in Pinkerton, Thomas Wightman in Broxburne, William Lausone ther, Allexander Crombie and Thomas Hog in Beltoun, James Crombie and John Brysone in Eastbarnes, Robert

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Sked in Belhaven, William Cockburne, Nicill Kellie, wrights, and William Cockburne, couper, burgesses of Dumbar: who being all laifullie summond and solemnie sworne, and the saids comissioners haveing referred the said indyiment to the knowlege of the said assyse, the saids assysers efter mature and serious deliberatione had be them of the indytment and haill evidences adduced, and they removand out of court and reentered the same again, returned the verdict as followes, "Verdict," sealed, which was opened and read *in presentia*."

"Dumbar, the threttie day of May j^mvj^e and fourscore eight years. The forsaid persones who past wpon the assyse of the said Catharein Mactargett returns their verdict in presene of the comissioners, quherof the tennor followes:—The haill assyse with on voice haveing elected and chosen the said James Crombie chancellor of the said inqweist they find by the pannals judiciaill confessiones, and depositiones of the witnesses adduced, that the said Catharein Mactargett, pannall, is guiltie of the crimes of witchcraft, sorcery and superstitione lybellit: *sic subscribitur*, James Crumbee. Which verdict and haill proces the saids comissioners hes ordained to be returned to the Clerks of Councill to the effect abov writtin. (Signed) M^r G. Purves, *prosses*."

376. "Witnesses adduced at the instance of M^r Patrick Broun, pro-Dumbar, curator fiscall, against Catharein Mactargett, indyted for 30th May 1688.
witchcraft conform to the indytment, all sworne and deponed in Depositions of the witnesses in this case,
presene of the assysers efternamed, viz. :—

"Issobell Restoun, spous to George Miln in Eastbarnes, purged of partiall counsell and malice, *etatis* 36 years, solemnie sworne, deponed that about thrie years agoe in outscad tym, the deponent being in Thomas Ross his hous quher his daughter was makeing pottage, Catharein Mactargett cam to the hous and got her almes from Thomas Ross his wyl, and thereafter sought pottage, and that Margaret Ross answered her she would rather she worried on them, then the pannall answered that some of hers would worrie er long be; and so it was that verrie night the said Thomas Ross, the womans father, did worrie wpon ane peic beef in Patrick Logan, wright, his hous in Eastbarnes: and depones she cannot wryt, and this is the treuth as she sall answer to God. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Jonet Ross, servitor to Alexander Home in Westbarnes, daughter to the said unquibill Thomas, of age twentie four years, being purged, sworne and interrogat *ut supra*, depones conform to the abov writtin depositione in all poynts, and depones she cannot wryt, and this is the treuth as they (*sic*) sall answer to God. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"George Wallace, baxter, burges of Dumbar, of age 47 years, purged, sworne and interrogat, depones that in July or August 1672 William Broun, spous to the pannall, being in the deponents hous selling a young cow to James Reed, flesher in Dumbar, the pannall cam in greit anger and cryed up if James Reed buy her cow he sould never draw blood of her, and accordingle albeit he was ane uholsome man and in perfyt helth at that tym, the next day he took seeknes and within thrie or four dayes he died: and this is the treuth as he sall answer to God. (Signed) George Wallace: M^r G. Purves."

"Alexander Affleck, flesher, burges of Dumbar, of age 66, purged, sworne and interrogatt, depones conform to George Wallace his depositione in all poynts: and this is the truth as he sall answer to God, and depones he cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Richard Merstoun, seaman in Dumbar, *etatis* 60 years or therby, sworne, purged and interrogat, depones that elevin years sine he being in the shoar of Dumbar did sie John Fergusone tak a peic coall from the pannall which she had taken out of his cart, and heard the pannall say that they sould be dear coals to him and he sould not stryk als much, and he knowes the said John Fergusone cam home to his hous and tooke seeknes and never came furth till he died, and that he did sweet to death; and this is the truth as he sall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Mareon Bairnsfather, relict of umquhil John Fergusone, *etatis* 60 years, sworne, purged and interrogat, depones that elevin years agoe her said husband being getteing coals in the shoar, Catharein Mactargett the pannall haveing taken som coals out of his cart, she heard her husband say uhen he cam from the shoar that the pannall said to him for his stryking of her for stealing of the coals that they sould be dear coals to him, and that he sould never stryk als much, and that he cam immediatlie home and took a langqwishing seeknes and never cam furth till he died: and this is the truth as she sall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Patrick Fergusone, masone, burges of Dumbar, of age 46, married, sworne, purged and interrogat, depones conform to the abovewrittin depositione of Mareon Bairnsfather in all poynts. And farder as to the sevent article of the indytment, depones that wpon the day of January 1682, being Hansill Monday, the pannall cam to Ruchlawes Closse quher the deponent was, and offered him chees and bread, which he refused; she prest it upon him, which he took and tasted a litle and gave it bak to her again, which she let fall to the ground, and uithin few dayes his wyf Margaret Richisone lost all her sences and wpon the threttein day of that same moneth she was buried; and this is the truth as he sall answer to God. (Signed) Patt. Fergwsone; M^r G. Purves."

"James Forrester, fermorer in Spot, of age 39 years, sworne, purged and interrogat, depones that about fyve or six years agoe the pannall cam to the deponents hous and sought her almes, which the declarants wyf gave her, and thereafter the pannall sought milk and was verrie earnest to have it, bot heard his wyf say to the pannall 'Ye sall get no milk here,' and the pannall went away not weill pleased; and the nixt tym the deponents cow was milked she gave nothing bot blood in stead of milk, and continewd so for thrie or four dayes till she died; and this is the truth as he sall answer to God. (Signed) James Forster; M^r G. Purves."

"Catharein Forrester, spous to the abovurittin James Forrester, *etatis* 36, sworne, purged and interrogat, depones conforme to the abovewrittin depositione of James Forrester her spous in all poynts, and this is the truth as she sall answer to God; and farder depones that the cow never eated meit efter the pannall went away; and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Andrew Stevinsone, servitor to George Kirkwood, fermorer in Newtonlies, *etatis* 61, sworn, purged and interrogat, depones that in the year 1674 he being sowing oats upon Bourhousses lands, the pannall came to him and sought a boll of them; he answered he would rather give her a boll of coals to burne her; the pannall came immediatlie home to his hous and got a drink of water, and uithin tuo dayes the pannall mett with the deponents wyf, and that his wyf cam home and fell in a verrie strange seiknes and rammished to death; and then the deponent remembers that he had stricken the pannall in Bourhousses kitchin becaus she would not ryse and goe away; and this is the treuth as he sall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Sara Atchisone, relict of umquhile John Laury in Dumbar, *etatis* 53 years, solemnie sworn, purged and interrogat, depones that in the year 1676 the deponents spous being in bed wpon ane Sunday morning, she did sic the pannall come to her hous and looked in to the deponents husband haveing ane hair tether in her hand, and laid it down and looked in to the deponents husband quher he was lying qwyet, and he looked up and never closed his eyes till he died, which was wpon the Thursday thereftir; and did sic a great many corbies moe then fourtie fleing about the deponents hous and uther nighboures houses in the closs, and that her husband took a fearfull distemper that she was necessitat to get some to hold him in the bed, and that for thrie years efter the pannall would never look the deponant in the face bot fled from her; and this is the treuth as she sall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"John Smith, indwaller in Dumbar, *etatis* 40 years, married, solemnie sworn, purged and interrogate, depones that at the tyme abovurittin he being then living in the Close besyde umquhile John Laurie did sic the pannall goe furth of Lauries hous wpon ane Sunday morneing with ane hair tether in her hand, and did sic a great number of corbies about the hous, and that he was astonished uith the noyse of thes corbies, and was immediatlie called for to help to ty John Laurie, he haveing fallin in ane extraordinar distemper, and when he went in he did sic John Laurie hansh and byt at any thing he could get, and stared up and said 'Ther she is, ther she is'; and this is the treuth as he sall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Agnes Colme, spous to George Kemp, couper, burges of Dumbar, *etatis* 20 years, sworn, purged and interrogat, depones that about thrie years agoe she being in Spot in her fathers hous, the pannall came ther seeking ane almes, the deponent and Margaret Jacksons being ther war afrayed when they saw her and prayed to God to bliss them; the pannall answered they would not pray so much till they saw her canny face, ane bad ill spirit tak a list of them, and slipt down her fingers be her syde and dipt them in the water cog and put her fingers wpon the soll of her foot and stared wpon the deponent all the tym, and went away, and shortlie therefter George Comb, her father, had thrie kyne and four stirk died; and this is the treuth as she sall answer to God. (Signed) Agnes Com; M^r G. Purves."

"Margaret Jaksone, servitor to George Kemp, couper, burges of Dumbar, *etatis* 20 years, solemnie sworn, purged and interrogat, depones

that she being in George Colmes hous in Spot the tym abovurittin, she knowes and heard of everie thing conform to Agnes Colme her depositions abovurittin in all poynts; and this is the treuth as she sall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Maurice Fergusone, mason, burges of Dumbar, *etatis* 40 years, sworne, purged and interrogat, depones that conform to the nynt article that the pannall layed on the bonnet on George Fergusone his sones head with the croun of the bonnet downward, and the lade came home and told his father what the pannall had done and cryed his head was all braining and cryed most pitiouslie for thrie or four dayes and died; and this is the treuth as he sall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Jean Boig, servitrix to M^r Patrick Broun, wryter, *etatis* 24 years, sworne, purged and interrogat wpon the tent article of the indytment, depones at the tym therin mentioned the pannall came to Patrick Mathies hous uher the deponent was servitrix, and sought some milk and repeated thes words thrie tymes over, viz., 'If I brek my nose I spoyll my face, and when I spoyll my face I brek my fortoun'; and thereafter she cam wpon ane Sunday to the hous and offered to Issobell Mathie some raw pleddin to lay in pand for mony, and the said Issobell being verrie angrie that the pannall sould comed to that hous to seik milk or pand any pleddin, and send her away, and imediate the said Issobell hes bein in a great truble of mynd, as is conteand in the article at lenth; and this is the treuth as she sall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Cristian Dumbar, servitrix to the said Patrick Mathie, *etatis* 24, sworne, purged and interrogat wpon the forsaid article and [depones] in maner abovurittin, except as to the offer of the raw pleddin she was not present bot when she came in it was told her; and this is the treuth as she sall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Lucress Smith, spous to William Brysone, sklaiter, burges of Dumbar, *etatis* 30 years, sworne, purged and interrogat, depones conform to the twelt article of the indytment; and this is the treuth as she sall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"William Brysone, sklaiter, *etatis* 48, sworne, purged and interrogat, depones anent the bringing the beast throw the streat, conform to the elevint article of the indytment. (Signed) W. Brysone; M^r G. Purves."

"George Shirreff, fermorer in Knowes, *etatis* 50 years, sworne, purged and inter[ro]gat, depones he knowes nothing bot he hearsay; and this is the treuth as he sall answer to God. (Signed) George Shirreff; M^r G. Purves."

"Cristian Orm, spous to the said George Shirreff, *etatis* 48, sworne, purged and interrogat wpon the threttein and twentie articles of the indytment, depones that the pannall cam to the deponents hous and sought almes, which she got, and lykwayes she got the pan with pottage to lick, and the pannall sought drink, and she got some drink from the deponent; the pannall said the deponent had better drink in the hous; she answered ther was soe; bot it wanted barm, and that the pannall said she sould get barm enouch er it be long, and so went away; and then the deponent went in to a rounne quher the wort was, and the

barme was rysing up and rushed out in sick a fearfull maner that she cryed to some servants to look to the barme and got cogs and kepped it, albeit ther was never barme put in it, which made them all feared. And also depones that conform to the twentie article the pannall came to the deponent quher she was extreamlie seik and no[c]ht expected of her, and said that which was etled for her sould light wpon ane uther, and that Helen Pringle was then new brought to bed was tortured and in maner mentioned in the said 20 article; and this is the treuth as she sall answer to God, and cannot wryt (*sic*). (Signed) Christen Orm; M^r G. Purves."

"Patrick Shirreff, former in Knowes, *etatis* 50, sworne, purged and interrogat, depones wpon the 20 article of the ditta that he knowes nothing bot be hearsay, and this is the treuth as he sall answer to God. (Signed) Patrick Shirreff; M^r G. Purves."

"Hellen Pringle, spous to the said Patrick Shirreff, *etatis* 48, sworne, depones, being purged and interrogat wpon the 20 article, that the pannall at the tym mentioned in the said article cam to the deponent and offered oniones to sell her which her nighbour Cristian Orm had refused, which the deponent took from her; the pannall said Cristian Orme sould have more adoe, and immediatlie thereafter George Shirreff, spous to the said Cristian, took seeknes and lay a long tym; and this is the treuth as she sall answer to God. And farder depones that at that same tym or therabout the pannall cam to seik lodging, and the deponent allowing her the pies barme, she lay amongst the pies chaff, which chaff was givin to some of the horssees and tuo of the best of ther horssees died within a fournight, and the servants was angrie for the pannall getteing lodging; and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Margaret Aitkin, relict of unquhile William Denholme in Knowes, *etatis* 60 years, sworne, purged and interrogat wpon the threttein article, [depones] that the pannall came to the Knowes quher she was then servant, to witt the deponent, and gott pottage and some small aill wpon them in the pan, and the pannall said they war werch, they mistered salt. The mistris of the hous said 'What misters aill salt?' The pannall said ther was better aill in the hous. The mistris answered ther was, bot it wanted barme; the pannall replied she sould get barme enouch er it be long, and went her way. The mistris a litle efter that went in to the rume quher ther was ane barle with wort that never got barme in it, and seing the barm spring to the loft cryed to the servants to come in soon and sic uhut was ther, and the deponent going in with the rest did sic it; and this is the treuth as she sall answer to God. And farder depones that she remembers ther was als good as ane gallon of barme burst out of the barle. And being lykwayes interrogat wpon the 20 article, depones that she knowes wpon the fourt day efter Helen Pringle was brought to bed she fell sick and was extreamlie tortured and continewed so ane half year, which was the fourt day efter Cristian Orme and the pannall mett togidder, so the on recovered and the uther fell seek as the pannall told, and that it was the voice of all the countrie about that Helen Pringle got wrong be the pannalls witchcraft; and this is the treuth as she sall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

“James Lauder, burges of Dumbar, *etatis* 48 years, married, sworn, purged and interrogat wpon the fourtein article, depones in the year lybelled the pannall came to his hous, sought ane almes and got a lock meall and then she pressed for some barme, and albeit she was oft refused yet they war forced to give it, and the deponents wyf had no sooner givin her the barme bot she took such a violent pain in her arme, bot she was lyk to goe distracted, and ane Doctor Maccullo being in the hous drew blood of her, and being nothing the better said it was some evill wight had delt with her, and the deponents wyf haveing a young chyld suicking took seeknes and died bot his wyf recovered immediatlie; and this is the truth as he sall answer to God. (Signed) J. Lauder; M^r G. Purves.”

“Katharein Sandilands, spous to James Lauder, burges of Dumbar, *etatis* 46, solemnlie sworn, purged and interrogat, depones expreslie conform to the preceding depositions of the said James Lauder; and farder that the pannall came again to the hous and the deponent said away with the pannall, and she answered the deponent ‘God help yow ye will never be weill till ather yow or your bairne die,’ and so it was that the bairne died uithin few dayes and the deponent recovered; and this is the truth as she sall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves.”

“John Home, postmaster in Cockburnspath, present, *etatis* 48, married, sworn, purged and interrogat, depones that wpon the nyntein article of the ditta the pannall came to his hous the year lybelled and sought her almes from Helen Patersone, his servant, which she got, and haveing sought some uther thing the lass refused, and the pannall went away, and the said Helen Patersone being then in sufficient helth became insensible and fell in ane great distemper and was caried to her bed; and when the deponent knew of it how it came he sent a servant man to search for and bring bak the pannall, and brought her bak, uho when she cam said the lass would be weill enouch if she had a drink, and the pannell caused mak a drink and give her it out of her owen hand, and immediatlie the said Helen Patersone rose up and served as she was wont to doe uithout any uther arte or cure; and this is the truth as he sall answer to God. (Signed) Jo. Hooime; M^r G. Purves.”

“Helen Patersone abov designed, *etatis* 28 years, married, sworn, purged and interrogat wpon the said nyntein article, depones that the year lybelled she being in perfy health when the pannall cam to the posthous quher she was then serveing, she sought a drink from the deponent, which she refused; the pannall went away mutureing some words, and immediatlie the deponent fell as it war dead and sensles, and was caried out of the seller to her bed and lay in a great distemper till the pannall was brought bak, which was for the space of thrie or four houres, and was brought in to the depount and caused mak a drink of aill uith ane eg and give her, and desyred the deponent to tak it, saying ‘Sillie thing tak it and it will cure yow,’ and gave it out of the pannals hand at the bedsyde, and when she had tasted a litle of it she presentlie recovered; and this is the truth as she sall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves.”

“John Ker, servitor to John Home, postmaster at Cockburnspath,

etatis 38, sworne, purged and interrogat wpon the forsaid nyntein article, depones that he being servant in the hous for the tym was sent away be his master to search for the pannall and bring her bak, and he found her at Birniknowes and brought her bak, and uhen the deponent cam bak uith the pannall Helen Patersone, the servant woman, was lying in the bed and severall persones holding her, being in a great distemper, and heard the pannall say to Helen Patersone that she had not bein weill sained that day; and this is the treuth as he sall answer to God. (Signed) John Ker, witnes; M^r G. Purves."

"James Simpstone, masone in Cockburnespeth, *etatis* 54, married, suorne, purged and interrogat, depones upon the nyntein article that he being in the posthous the tyme lybelled did sie the pannall brought back, and Hellen Patersone lying in the bed and women holding her down, and heard the pannall give directione to heat her a drink and scald her ane eg and the poor thing would be ueill againe, and the deponent goeing his way he heard that the lass rose up and greu better; and this is the treuth as he shall answer to God. (Signed) James Simsone; M^r G. Purves."

"John Hog, masone in Dunglas, of age 50, married, suorne, purged and interrogat upon the said nyntein article, depones that at the tyme lybelled he being at the posthous, and did knou that the pannall was at the posthous, and that efter she went away Hellen Patersone, the servant woman, fell in the distemper lybelled, and did sie the women holding her in the bed, and that he knoues quhen the pannall was brought back the lass recovered, bot did not knou quhat the pannall prescryved, only all the company was affrighted thinking that the pannall was the occasione; and this is the treuth as he shall answer to God. (Signed) John Hoge; M^r G. Purves."

"George Lyll, fermorer in Salpanhall, of age 48, married, suorne, purged and interrogat upon the said nyntein article, depones that at the tyme lybelled he being at the posthous did sie the pannall ther sought her almes, quhich she gott, thereafter she sought a drinke from the said Hellen Pattersone quhich she refused her; the pannall went away and he heard her say the said Hellen Patersone should rou it, and soe it was that the lass fell into a distempler both dume and senceles, and was carried to her bed, quher she lay in that caice till the pannall was brought back, and that he knoues the said Hellen Patersone rose and grou better efter the pannall was brought back; and this is the treuth as he shall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Thomas Lamb, chapman in Cockburnsp[ath], *etatis* 38, married, suorne, purged and interrogat upon the said nyntein article, depones that he being in the posthous the tyme lybelled he did sie the servant woman lying in a great distemper and severall women holdeing her in the bed; and knoues that the pannall was brought back, and did sie the lass get the drink and thereafter heard the lass say that she was better efter the pannall cam back and gave her the drink, and did serve as formerlie; and this is the treuth as he shall answer to God. (Signed) Thomas Lamb; M^r G. Purves."

"Jean Johnstoune, spous to George Walker, uheiluright, burges of Dumbar, *etatis* 48, suorne, purged and interrogat upon the fyftein article,

depones conforme therto in all poynts; and this is the treuth as she shall answer to God, and depones she cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"George Walker above designed, of age 56, suorne, purged and interrogat upon the fyltein article, depones conforme to the tennor therof in all poynts; and this is the treuth as he shall answer to God. (Signed) Georg Walker; M^r G. Purves."

"Patrick Wood, maltman, burges of Dumbar, *etatis* 50, suorne, purged and interrogat upon the tuentie ane article, depones conforme therto in all poynts; and this is the treuth as he shall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Rachall Darra, spous to the said Patrick Wood, *etatis* 44, suorne, purged and interrogat upon the forsaid 21 article, depones conforme therto in all poynts; and this is the treuth as she shall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Jonet Symontoun, spous to John Affleck, shoemaker, burges of the said burgh, *etatis* 64, solemlie suorne, purged and interrogat upon the sixtein article of the indytment, depones conforme to the tennor therof in all poynts; and this is the treuth as she shall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Hellen Millne, spouse to James Congiltoun, burges of Dumbar, *etatis* 40, suorne, purged and interrogat upon the seventein article of the indytment, depones conforme to the tennor therof in all poynts; and this is the treuth as she shall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"James Congiltoun abovedesigned, *etatis* 50, suorne, purged and interrogat upon the eighteen article, depones conforme therto in all poynts; and this is the treuth as he shall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"William Smeall, indualler in Dumbar, *etatis* 27, married, suorne, purged and interrogat upon the tuentie tuo article of the indytment, depones that at the tyme therin mentionat he did sie a woman with ane pledden coat standing in the shoar, and heard her say thes words tuyse over (quhen William Hendersone, seaman, was goeing to sea and taking live of his wyfe), 'Ye may take live of uther for it will be a long good-night.' It was somthing dark and he is not suir if it was the pannall, bot he thinks it was her, for William Hendersones wyfe could never look on her after her husband was lost at sea in that voyage; and this is the treuth as he shall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Allexander Affleck, flesher, burges of Dumbar, *etatis* 66, married, suorne, purged and interrogat upon the tuentie third article, depones conforme to the tennor therof in all poynts; and this is the treuth as he shall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Thomas Thomasone in Westlinks, *etatis* 40 years or therby, married, suorne, purged and interrogat upon the tuentie fourt article of the indytment, depones conforme to the tennor therof in all poynts; and this is the treuth as he shall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Thomas Whyt, couper in Dumbar, of age 36, and John Whyt in Cove, his brother, of age 30 or therby, both married, both suorne, purged

and interrogat upon the tuentie fyft article of the indytmēt, they both depone upon the treuth of the said article in all poynts as it is in the said indytmēt; and this is the treuth as they shall answer to God, and depones they cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"As to the tuentie sixt article, M^r Patrick Broun, procurator fiscall, for proveing therof adduces the subscrived act signed by the *preses* and comissioners present upon the tent day of May instant, bearing her judiciable confessionne in maner lybelled. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"George Cairnes, indualler in Dumbar, *etatis* 53, mairried, suorne, purged and interrogat upon the tuentie sevent article of the indytmēt, depones that upon the nyntein day of May instant, the pannall being in prisone, M^r Thomas Wood, minister, went to visit her, and askd if she was a witch; she answered that she is on. Then he heard the minister aske her hou long since she became on, tuentie years? The pannall answered, Nay not soe long. Then the deponent heard him inquiryre hou she entred in the service of the devill; the pannall answered him, Ane Highland woman learned her, called Margaret M^cClain. Then he asked hou did she lairne her, did she renunce her baptisme; the pannall answered, she did quhat she bade her. Then he asked againe, did she bid her renunce her baptisme; the pannall answered, Yes. Then the deponant heard the minister say to the pannall, 'Did you soe then?' The pannall answered she did. Then he inquiryed if she would byde be that confessionne; she answered she would for God kneu all things. And this he depones to be of verrtie as he shall answer to God, and farder declaires that this confessionne was in presens of James Smith, one of the comissioners. (Signed) Georg Cairnes; M^r G. Purves."

"Alexxander Cairnes, bedler in Dumbar, of age 36, suorne, purged and interrogat, depones upon the tuentie sevent article that he was present in the tolbooth with the minister and pannall, and heard the abovewrittin confessionne word be word as is above exprest, and that the pannall was upon her knees quhen she confest the samen; and this is the treuth as he shall answer to God. (Signed) Alex^r Cairnes; M^r G. Purves."

"John Inglis, burges of Dumbar, *etatis* 60 or therby, married, suorne, purged and interrogat, depones *ut supra* in all poynts; and this is the treuth as he shall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"George Restone, one of the ordinar officers of the said burgh, *etatis* 64, married, suorne, purged and interrogat, depones *ut supra* in all poynts; and this is the treuth as he shall answer to God, and cannot wryt. (Signed) M^r G. Purves."

"Patrick Kellie, burges of Dumbar, of age 48 or therby, suorne, purged and interrogat, depones *ut supra* in all poynts; and this is the treuth as he shall answer to God. (Signed) P. Kellie; M^r G. Purves."

"The names of the assysers that past upon the inqueist for the tryell of Catharin M^cTarget for the cryme of witchcraft:—George Miller, portioner of Westbarnes; William Craig in Inneruick; William Murray in Crawhill; James Smith in Eastbarnes; Alexxander Kirkwood in Pinkertoun; Thomas Wightman in Broxburne; William Lausone ther; Alexxander Crombie in Northbeltone; James Crombie in Eastbarnes; John Brysone there; Thomas Hog in Northbeltoun; Robert Sked in

Belhavin; William Cockburne, wright in Dumbar; William Cockburne, couper ther; Nicoll Kellie, wright ther." Miscellaneous Papers.

30th May 1688.
Names of the
assize and
their verdict
in this case.

377. "Verdict of the assyse, Catharine Mactarget."

"The names of the assysors that are to passe upoun the tryall of Catharine Mactarget for the cryme of witchcraft:—George Miller, portioner of Westbarnes; Williame Craig in Innerweik; Williame Murray in Crawhill; James Smith in Eastbarnes; Alexander Kirkwood in Pincartone; Thomas Wightman in Broxburne; William Lawsons there; Alexander Crumbie in Northbeltone; James Crumbie in Eistbarns; Johnne Brysone there; Thomas Hog in Northbeltone; Robert Skede in Belhaven; Williame Cockburne, wright in Dumbar; Williame Cockburne, couper ther; Nicoll Kellie, wright ther."

"Dumbar, the threttie day of May j^m^v^j^c fourseoir eight yeirs: The foirsaid persones quho past upoun the assyse of the said Catharine Mactarget returns ther verdict in presence of the comissioners, quherof the tennour followis:—The haill assyse with one voyce haveing electit and chosen the said James Crumbie chancellour of the said inqueist, they find by the pannalls judiciall confessiones, and depositiones of the witnesses adduced, that the said Catharine Mactarget, pannall, is guiltie of the crymes of wit[he]craft, sorcerie and superstitione lybellit. (Signed) James Crumbie."

30th May 1688.
Execution
against
witnesses in
causa,
Alexander
Irving of
Drum v. Mr.
Robert Keith
of Lentush.

378. Note of execution, on 30th and 31st May, and 1st June, 1688, by William Hervie, messenger, of Summons at the instance of H.M. Advocate, and Alexander Irveing of Drum and his administrators, against M^r Alexander Irving of Learnie, Robert Cruickshank, his servant, M^r Richard Irving of Carnfield, Andrew Logie, writer in Aberdeen, M^r Alexander Thomson, writer in Aberdeine, William Burnet, merchant there, William Brodie and Jean Pawll, servitors to M^r Robert Keith of Lentush, M^r William Alexander, preacher at Aberdeen, M^r John Irveing, minister at Peterculter, Alexander Gib in Culter, M^r Thomas Cheyn at Drum, James Milln at the Newtown thereof, M^r Robert Irving, minister at Glenbervie, and James Birse in Keillsyd, and John Crushank, tailor in Aberdeen, all personally apprehended, and M^r William Keith, brother to Lentush, at the said M^r Robert's house in Aberdeen, and M^r William Dingvall, son of Arthur Dingvall of Brounchill, at the said Arthur's house in Brounchill, to compare before the Council on 21st June to bear witness in a complaint; witnesses, Patrick Suap and Francis Dumbar, creamers and indwellers in Aberdeen. (Signed) "Will. Harvy, mess^r."

1st June 1688.
The same.

379. Note of execution, on 1st June 1688, by William Harvie, messenger, of Summons at the instance of H.M. Advocate and Alexander Irvin of Drum against M^r William Keith, brother of M^r Robert Keith of Lentush, and M^r William Dingwall, son of Arthur Dingwall of Brounchill, at the market cross of Aberdeen, to compare before the Council on 21st June as witnesses; witnesses, Francis Dumbar and Patrick Suap, indwellers and creamers in Aberdeen. (Signed) "Will. Harvy, mess^r."